



DING...
DING...

Hullo!
Clair, you
up there?



I HEAR
THE SOUND OF
THE DOCKBELL...
THAT MUST
MEAN...



HEY
UNCLE
RILEY!



Hey
there,
squirt!

Guests
have arrived.
Want to help
me greet
them?



IS IT
UNCLE MIKEL
AND AUNT DELIZA?
DO I FINALLY GET
TO MEET
THEM?!

I hope
so, but only
if you hurry
down here!



UNCLE
RAVEN CAN YOU
TAKE ME DOWN?
PLEASE, PLEASE,
PLEASE?

NO
NAGGING.
ONLY ONE PLEASE
IS NECESSARY.

PLEASE?

SIGH
ALL RIGHT.



THANK
YOU, UNCLE
RAVEN! I
LOVE YOU!

THAT'S
FINE... I
DON'T NEED A
SPINE IF I
HAVE LOVE.





WHUMP!

Hah!
It's good
to see you too,
cousin! Congratulations
to you on this most
wonderful of
days!



It's so
good to see
you guys! Especially
this little
darling.

Auk!

Did
you hear
that? He said
my name, HE
SAID MY
NAME!



Here,
I'll take him
for a moment. Was he
okay on the trip? This
is his first time out
of Quilloria,
right?

I think
he liked it a
little too much. He
seems to enjoy the way
his own voice echoes
inside the
submarine.

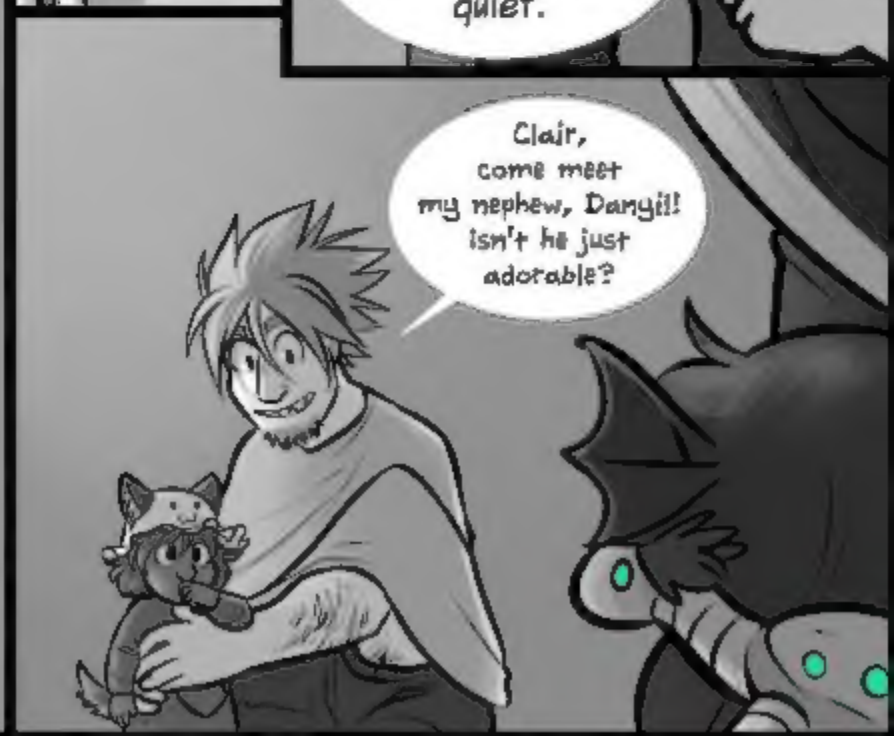


On the
other hand, the
little one behind
you is curiously
quiet.

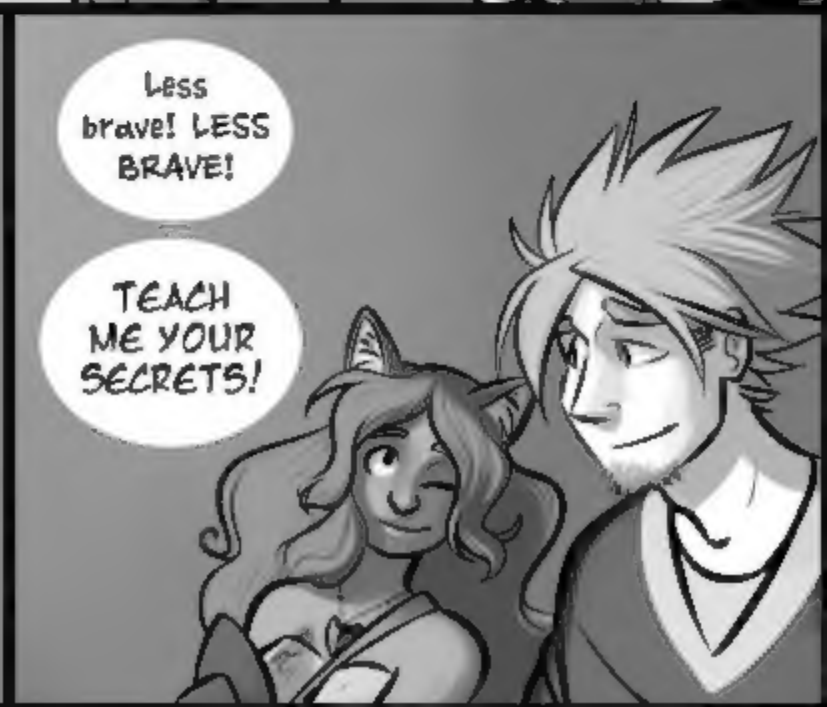


MIKEL,
THIS IS CLAIR!
I WROTE YOU
ABOUT HER IN
MY LETTERS.

Ah, yes,
Blitz's...
relative. The
ward of your
shopkeeper
at the book
store.



Clair,
come meet
my nephew, Danyil!
Isn't he just
adorable?



I HOPE
MY COUSIN
DIDN'T DRIVE YOU
TOO CRAZY ON
THE JOURNEY.

DON'T
WORRY, MY BOYS
HAVE BEEN ON
THEIR BEST
BEHAVIOR.



I'M GLAD
THAT MIKEL AND
I COULD MAKE IT OUT
HERE AT ALL. IT ISN'T
OFTEN THE THREE OF
US TAKE A TRIP
LIKE THIS.

BETWEEN
CLEANING UP
THE DEBRIS OF THE
RAVEN RIOT AND
RAISING A CHILD, WE
COULD USE A
VACATION.



I TAKE IT
THAT YOU WERE
UNSUCCESSFUL IN
FINDING HER.



I'M
SORRY, TUFF.
WE SENT OUT SEARCH
PARTIES, LOOKED UP OLD
INFORMANTS, CHECKED
HER OLD HAUNTS...
THERE'S BEEN NO
SIGN OF HER.

WE
COULDN'T FIND
A WAY TO REACH
YOUR MOTHER.



THERE MUST
BE A WAY! SHE'S NEVER
BEEN EASY TO FIND BUT SHE'S
ALWAYS TURNED UP WHEN
SHE'S NEEDED! SHE
WOULDN'T-



DO YOU
THINK WE DIDN'T
TRY? THAT WE DIDN'T
CARE?!

MIKEL
PUT EVERY
RESOURCE HE
COULD SPARE TO
FINDING HER, TO
TELLING HER RILEY
WAS GETTING
MARRIED.

IT BROKE
HIS HEART THAT
HE COULDN'T GIVE THIS
TO YOU. HE HASN'T
LAUGHED THIS HARD
IN WEEKS.



